

Radio Stamps

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Hello again, and welcome to *Radio Stamps*. A special welcome, as always, if you're listening to the program for the first time. You're tuned to the monthly show that's all about the fun of collecting postage stamps on the topic of radio. This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps from around the world all about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, from international stations, like HCJB, to radio listening. Collecting stamps on the topic of radio is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

This is program number 43 and, like last month's program, it is being recorded while our family is on holidays in the province of Nova Scotia, in eastern Canada. There is a sea breeze coming in my window this morning that you may be able to hear. The view out my window today is north out over the ocean, across the Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island.

Our family has been on a two week camping trip, and we're making stops along the way at famous radio sites. Yesterday, at Sackville in New Brunswick, near the Nova Scotia border, we stopped at the transmitter site of Radio Canada International. It's a spectacular site, with an elaborate array of towers and antennas, right beside the Trans Canada Highway. Visitors are welcome and the staff provide public tours. The inauguration of the RCI facilities at Sackville was commemorated by Canada with a special postage stamp. It would certainly make a great addition to your collection of radio stations on stamps. I'll have more information for you on the November program about this unique stamp, and the RCI shortwave transmitter site at Sackville.

Next week, our family is travelling to Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, and we'll be visiting the Marconi Museum at Glace Bay. Marconi's pioneering work in wireless radio was also commemorated by Canada with a special postage stamp. I'll be featuring this stamp and the Marconi Museum in my December program.

On today's program, I have the names of 4 contest winners. On the July program, I mentioned that Arthur Cushen and Peter Grenfell, both of New Zealand, had kindly sent along mint stamps from a set that was issued in New Zealand on March 23rd. This stamp, about Aunt Daisy, one of New Zealand's greatest broadcasting icons, is part of the fourth and final issue by New Zealand Post of a series of commemorative stamps on the theme of the 'Emerging Years'. Previous sets of stamps were issued for the 1920s, the 1930s and the 1940s.

This final set of six stamps takes a nostalgic look at life in New Zealand in the 1950s. As I mentioned in July, the \$1.00 issue in this set will be of interest to collectors of radio on stamps. It features a portrait of Aunt Daisy with a table model receiver in the background. This was a time when radio still ruled the airwaves, and Aunt Daisy enthralled and informed on radio. From 1936 to 1963, her quavering voice filled the airwaves in New Zealand with everything from household

hints to home-grown philosophy. She also became one of the first New Zealanders to face a television camera in 1951. This stamp will certainly make a great addition to your collection on the topic of radio. You can include it in your collection under the subjects of radio listening or broadcasting personalities.

Thanks to Arthur Cushen and Peter Grenfell in New Zealand, I'm giving away 4 Aunt Daisy stamps today. HCJB listeners were invited in July to enter the contest by sending me a postcard. Four names have been drawn from all the entries, and the winners are:

- ☐ Henry Weissborn, Houston, Texas;
- ☐ Mark Spat, West Swanzey, New Hampshire;
- ☐ Steven Goldman, Roselle, Illinois; and
- ☐ David Crystal, Ramat, Israel.

Congratulations Henry, Mark, Steven, and David. Your stamps are on their way to you in the mail.

Well, that's all for today's program. Your comments and suggestions for the program are always welcome. I hope you'll write to me. Here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.